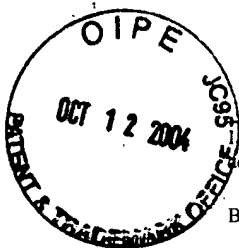


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This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed July 13, 2004 in the subject patent application. The Examiner set a three month period for responding to this Office Action such that the term for responding expires October 13, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

No amendments have been made in this response.

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